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Programme (IPP)  
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## 1. Purpose of paper

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to brief Members on the journey so far in relation to the Infrastructure Policing Project (IPP); to provide an update on the current position as we understand it to be and to invite the Authority to begin to consider how it wishes position future work relating to the project.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 The table overleaf is a brief chronology of events and activities relating to IPP;

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Date	Event/activity
November 2015	The Strategic Defence and Security Review - made a commitment to “integrate infrastructure policing further and to review the options to do this”
Throughout 2016	<p>Throughout 2016 Home Office undertook work to consider a number of options for that integration specifically including BTP (CNC, MDP and HETOS)</p> <p>- Phase 1 of the review generated two preferred options for further work</p> <p>(i) a National Infrastructure Constabulary which would combine the functions of Civil Nuclear Constabulary, the Ministry of Defence Police, the British Transport Police, the Highways England Traffic Officer Service, the Home Office police forces' strategic road network and airports policing capabilities</p> <p>and</p> <p>(ii) A Transport Infrastructure Constabulary and an Armed Infrastructure Constabulary. The Transport Infrastructure Constabulary would bring together the functions carried out by the British Transport Police, the Highways England Traffic Officer Service and the roads and airport policing elements of Home Office forces. The Armed Infrastructure Constabulary would involve the incorporation of functions currently carried out by the MDP and the CNC</p>
February 2017	<p>Confirming it was not the right time for formal merger.</p> <p>Sponsor departments instructed to continue work to develop plans by March 2017 to improve collaboration between BTP/CNC and MDP with a planning horizon of three years.</p>
February/March 2017	<p>IPP steering committee established between BTP, CNC and MDP reviewed opportunities to increase collaboration</p> <p>Steering committee submits proposals on collaboration and interoperability to Home Office and DfT in March 2017</p>
April 2017	General election called
May 2017	Commitment to IPP appears in Conservative Manifesto
June 2017	Conservatives lose parliamentary majority

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June 2017	<p>Queen’s speech 2017 makes the following commitment ‘<i>My government will bring forward proposals to ensure that critical national infrastructure is protected to safeguard national security.</i>’</p> <p>The explanatory notes<sup>[1]</sup> for the speech suggest critical national infrastructure focus is no longer largely on policing but on international investment in and ownership of critical national assets and government scrutiny of investment to protect the security of national infrastructure. The lead Department for this work will be Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</p>
July 2017	<p>Metropolitan Police Commissioner’s speech to Mansion House recognises the complementary nature of working relationships between MPS, BTP and City of London and clearly signals ‘no predatory intent’</p>
June - September 2017	<p>BTP/A Target Operating Model (TOM) and Strategy development activities take into account the risks and opportunities of IPP and seek to make provision for this in the emerging recommendations.</p>

### 3. Ongoing work

3.1 Specific work in support of IPP has been paused post the general election but as indicated above, the risks and opportunities it creates continue to be fed into ongoing deliberations on both the development of the new strategic plan from 2018 and the TOM exercise. In the absence of specific direction from government the Authority should now consider its approach to the project which has the potential to be reinvigorated post Brexit. At a high level the options open to us now can be described as;

- Do nothing stop all scoping work and do not pursue emerging collaboration opportunities until further direction is provided
- Continue work to develop collaboration/co-operation opportunities with rail industry, CNC/MDP/HETOS and other forces and agencies feeding these in to the emerging strategic plan and subsequent delivery plans
- Develop a more ambitious position and take forward work to pursue a lead role in an infrastructure constabulary setting this out as an objective in our forthcoming strategic plan

#### **4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the summary of activity so far and the current position as we understand it.
- 4.2 To consider options for the immediate and future work being developed by the Force and Authority.
- 4.3 Offer views on preferred approach to positioning our intent in this landscape including how this is expressed in the forthcoming strategic plan.